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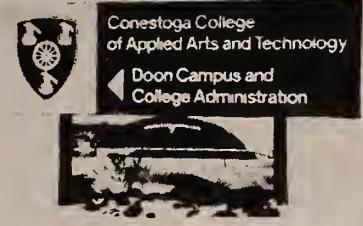


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Earl MacLeod pays Sue Gibbons for his lunch at Doon campus

Cafeteria prices raised 4.1%

By Carol-Ann Nugent

Most cafeteria food prices at all campuses of Conestoga College increased by an average of 4.1 per cent Sept. 8.

Jackie van Trigt, unit manager for Beaver Foods, said prices increase annually, usually by a margin of about four to five per cent. The percentage increase translates to five or 10 cents per item.

"The prices increase the day after Labor Day when everybody comes back to school," van Trigt said.

Included in the items which have increased are breakfasts (five cents), and menu items (10 cents).

Coffee lovers found the price of a small coffee remained at

45 cents, but the size has decreased to 7 ounces from 8 ounces. In the past, a large 14-ounce cost 90 cents. It is now 12 ounces, but sells for 70 cents.

Before prices can be raised, a presentation must be made to the college, usually during the summer months.

John Kast, district manager for Beaver Foods said the company must first present the proposal to Mac Rostance, the physical resources manager at the Doon campus, and to the director of finance.

Kast said prices were approved towards the end of August.

The prices are usually set for one year (September to September) "However, we put in a

clause that should some items go up in price terribly."

In deciding upon an increase, Kast said, "We know the percentage of wages we increase, and we forecast a prediction on the food cost increases over the year and we take a combination. It usually works out to a rate slightly above or below the inflation rate."

during the year, we should get an opportunity to raise the price," Kast said.

Items sold at market price are ice-cream, milk, soft drinks and potato chips.

The Hudson's Bay vending machines near the student lounge offer a 8 1/4 oz. coffee for 40 cents.

A 12 oz. soft drink is sold for 65 cents, and a 16 oz. for 80 cents.

College academic staff asked to reject contract offer

By Carol-Ann Nugent

Members of the academic staff at Ontario's 22 community colleges are being asked by their bargaining team to reject a contract offer from the Council of Regents in a province-wide vote Sept. 29. The previous contract expired Aug. 31.

The academic staff, Local 237, made up of 8,500 teachers, counsellors and librarians, have been in negotiations since April.

"We expect 70 to 90 per cent to reject the offer," said Bart Wesseling, Conestoga president of Local 237.

If the offer is rejected Sept. 29, the bargaining teams are

expected to resume negotiations. "But, if the offer is accepted, they then have a ratified collective agreement," Katie FitzRandolph, acting coordinator of communications for the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU), said.

FitzRandolph said, "There's no threat of a strike at this point."

The key issue being negotiated for the academic staff is parity (equal pay) for librarians with teachers and counsellors who earn \$25,548-\$47,941 a year. Librarians earn \$25,396-\$41,434.

Parity is also being sought for teachers in non-post-secondary programs who work

longer hours and teach more weeks than post-secondary teachers, and for sessional and part-time teachers who receive lower pay and no benefits.

A union newsletter indicates the Council of Regents, which represents the colleges, is offering a 4.3-per-cent pay increase for this year and 4.5-per-cent pay increase to take effect Sept. 1, 1988.

The union is also seeking equal vacation, professional development and workload treatment for counsellors and librarians. At present teachers receive two months holidays a year. Counsellors are given one month and librarians are given 22 (working) days.

Professional development is

designed to keep faculty up-to-date with any technological changes that may affect their jobs.

The workload formula, which teachers are part of, determines hours of work and overtime in the colleges. In 1984, faculty struck for three and one half weeks to achieve the present workload formula.

In an OPSEU news release dated Sept. 10, Bill Kuehnbaum, bargaining team chairperson and teacher at Cambrian College in Sudbury, is quoted as saying, "It took a strike and a 10-year fight to get the colleges to recognize the work that teachers do outside the classroom."

The OPSEU newsletter

states, "Under the Collective Bargaining Act, which governs negotiations between the union and the Council of Regents, the union must hold a supervised vote of its membership on a 'final vote' before it can seek a strike mandate."

FitzRandolph said the other members of the college workforce, the support staff, are expected to vote for contract ratification on Sept. 24.

The support staff, Local 238, whose contract also expired Aug. 31, reached a tentative settlement Aug. 28.

Kerry Jennings, president of Local 238, said he thinks the support staff contract will be ratified "without any difficulty."

Doon students upset with parking situation

By Bruce Johnson

The Doon campus of Conestoga College has been plagued with parking problems, and judging by comments from current Doon students the 1987-88 college year shows no signs of improvement.

Tony Karais, vice-president of the Doon Student Association, hinted that the current parking situation could be more closely examined.

"We are paying \$60 a year (to park on campus) and you have to walk, like a mile, to get to the school. And that's only if you can find a spot to park."

"They (college officials) should have expanded the parking lots closer to the school instead of farther away," Karais said.

Brent Moffit, a third-year business management student, said the problem with parking has become worse this year. "I live in Guelph and it takes me 20 minutes to get here in the morning and about the same time to find a parking spot once I'm at school."

Jerry Davis, also a third-year business management student, was upset by the lack of tickets given by Doon security staff to cars parked illegally at the ends of parking aisles.

"I came into the lot one day last week and there were no spots available anywhere, so I parked in a reserved spot at the Early Childhood Education Centre," Davis said.

"The way I saw it was that if people weren't being ticketed for parking illegally in other spots, why should I be ticketed for parking illegally."

Davis was penalized for his parking choice. "They gave me a ticket," he said.

Bob Gilberds, chief of security for the Doon campus, said the school has "more than enough" parking spaces.

"The people (complaining about a lack of parking spaces) aren't looking very hard when they come to school in the morning because there are plenty of spots available," Gilberds said.

Gilberds added that there are currently 1,750 parking

spaces available at the Doon campus, 1,480 of which are paved. Last year there were 1,330 paved spaces and 150 gravel spaces for Doon students and staff.

A pamphlet provided for students purchasing semester parking passes outlines the current rules and regulations for parking on the Doon campus.

"These regulations are intended to facilitate the safe and orderly conduct of College business and to provide parking services in support of this function within the limits of available space," the pamphlet states.

It also states, "A permit to park or cash accepted by the College for parking does not guarantee the availability of parking space."

Faculty, staff and students with physical disabilities

may apply at the parking office for special parking locations after providing a medical certificate and applications will be assessed on an individual basis.

Gilberds said approximately 1,430 full-semester parking stickers had been sold as of Sept. 16 at a cost of \$60. Half semester stickers are available for \$35 and day passes can be purchased for 50 cents.

For those students who refuse to obey parking regulations on campus, Gilberds said a \$10 ticket will be given for

each infraction. Fines of \$20 are levied for parking in a fire zone and \$50 for parking illegally in a handicapped spot, "not including the price of towing," he added.



OPINION

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Viewpoint

By Esther Jancsar

The influential tv

During the post-Depression years, sitting on a porch or in a living room listening to grown-ups talk was considered entertainment, but today most people would much rather let a television set do the talking.

Television as a whole is unhealthy for us. Actors and actresses infiltrate people's lives and thus give us poor morals.

Television takes us into a fantasy land. When we are tuned into the screen we forget about reality. Not until the last square of light disappears from the screen, do our eyes leave the set.

TV viewing also raises the possibility that people who watch a show featuring a lot of violence might just try to demonstrate what they have seen without thinking about the consequences.

Television is a waste of time, unless you do something productive while watching it.

When we are mesmerized by television, we don't have to be creative anymore. Trends are set according to particular programs we watch and we try to stay tuned in. Clothes, hair styles and speech are influenced by these trends, either good or bad.

The time we spend watching television robs us of our family time. Sure, we may be together as a family, laughing at a show together, but this does very little to bring a family together.

Television also dominates children's lives, and they don't get their homework done for school the next day. It dominates adults' lives too; the proof comes when we say we don't have time to read a good book.

I have to admit, however, that television isn't all bad. Some programs are worth watching.

Finally, I have one word of advice. Don't let television run your life. There is a lot of appreciation and pleasure in talking and knowing another person.

By
**Tom
 Froese**

A recent survey by Southam News Inc. has revealed 22 per cent of Canadian-born adults, 18 years and older, are functionally illiterate. McGill University education professor Jon Bradley has described the problem as "not as life-threatening as AIDS, nor as terrible as mass murder, nor as current as acid rain, but in the long run it could be a far more damaging threat to Canadian society."

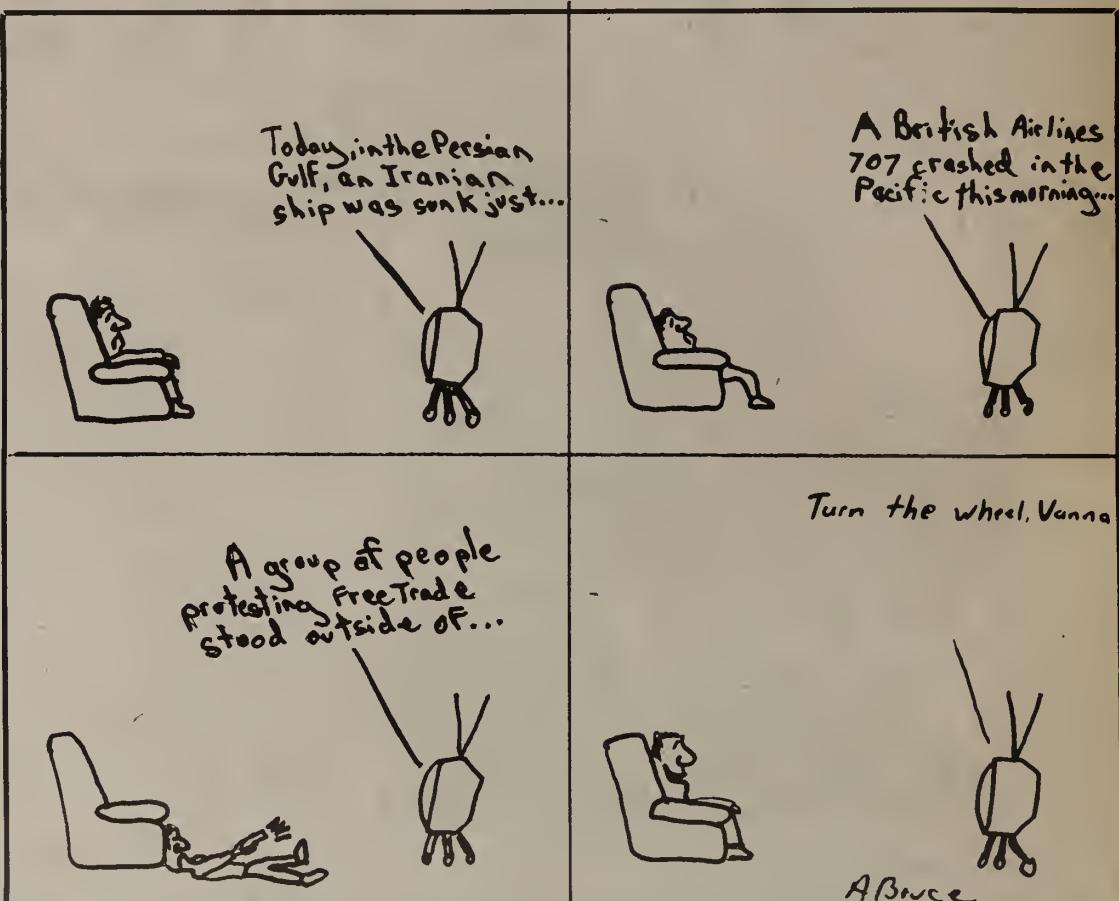
The myth that most illiterates are new immigrants or live in rural areas has been shattered. Illiterates born outside of Canada increase the

Why can't Johnny read?

illiteracy rate by only 2 per cent, and 70 per cent of illiterates live in cities. The federal definition of illiteracy being those who have not reached a Grade 9 level of education is inadequate. The survey shows of the five million Canadians who cannot read, write or use numbers well enough to function well in our society, 30 percent are high-school graduates and eight per cent have attended university.

The statistics get more surprising. Seventeen per cent of Canada's labor force is illiterate, yet only 25 per cent think they need help with reading and writing and only 10 per cent said they would take remedial instruction.

Of the 2,400 adults surveyed, 25 per cent could not follow a



Question of the Week

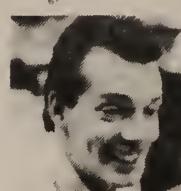
Do you think the US-Soviet arms deal will lead to nuclear disarmament?



"Pipe dreams - anybody who thinks that all nuclear arms will be removed is a dreamer."
Mike Smutniak
 1st year broadcasting



"No, never, because nuclear weapons are here to stay. They may be reduced, but they will never be removed completely. It's too logical to actually happen."
Steve Dupe
 3rd year electrical technician



"Yes, it's the way things are going to go. We'll never see it, but maybe our kids will."
Burt Whiteman
 1st year marketing



"No, they are just trying to reassure people that they are against nuclear weapons. They're trying to keep protesters happy, but they are not ready to reduce all arms because we would be helpless without them."
Ambreen Shah
 3rd year business administration - accounting

route on a city map. Americans (aged 21 to 25) surveyed scored higher than Canadians (aged 21 to 25) in two-thirds of questions.

Literacy advocates have estimated Canada's illiteracy problem as costing from \$2 billion to \$7 billion annually. Crime and unemployment are the most serious results of illiteracy, which is often passed down from one generation to the next.

Janet Turnball, vice-president and publisher of Seal Books, said, "Canada is the only developed country in the world that hasn't done anything about this . . . nobody even knows we have an illiteracy rate or cares."

The problem of illiteracy stems from not enough govern-

ment support for illiteracy programs because provincial and federal levels both think it is the other's responsibility. Ottawa is spending approximately \$1 million annually per year for illiteracy programs, only 20 cents per illiterate person.

Of Canada's five million illiterates, one million cannot read or write anything. One such individual compared his inability with "being locked in a prison cell."

With this feeling of inferiority it is understandable that many illiterate persons are too ashamed to admit to their need and ask for help, but is it not understandable why help is not offered?

It is even less understandable how such a high percent-

age of illiterates have a high-school and university background. Either Southam News Inc. has wasted \$300,000 in conducting its survey and finding these perplexing statistics or Canada's education system needs an overhaul.

Illiteracy is an unnecessary handicap that the federal, provincial and municipal governments must combine to cure. Individuals who can't read or write at today's demanding levels will be restricted of many opportunities our age of communication is offering.

For those of us who can communicate effectively, it's our responsibility to ensure nobody is left in the dark with the prison door of illiteracy locked behind them.

Doon lounge sees minor renovations

By Cheryl Bryant

Renovations to the Doon campus student lounge that began during the second week of September are complete, but the only evidence you'll see of the upgrading are new cushions.

The bright orange, tattered furniture cushions were re-upholstered in a blue-grey fabric, costing \$8,126, according to Mac Rostance, manager of physical resources.

Phil Olinski, Doon Student Association (DSA) business manager, said the lounge also underwent "massive cleaning" and furniture was sanded and varnished.

The upgrading received mixed reviews from students in random interviews.

"(The lounge is) basically the same except the cushions are in one piece," said Rob Milmine, second-year mechanical technology student.



New cushions improve esthetics of Doon campus lounge

Photo by Cheryl Bryant/Spoke

"Get rid of the chairs," said Cathy Sheridan, second-year manufacturing technology-wood products student. Sheridan complained that the chair seats are too long for a shorter person to sit on comfortably with feet planted on the floor.

Rostance said changes to the lounge will continue with the replacement of carpet on stairs leading down to the video machines. The remaining carpet was to be repaired and shampooed the week of Sept. 21.

Olinski said the changes to the lounge are "pleasantly refreshing." He said the orange light covers removed from the ceiling improve overall lighting.

In early 1987 the DSA submitted an extensive lounge renovation proposal to Conestoga College administration. The proposal included construction of a sound barrier wall between the lounge's two

levels, repainting and interior decorating. The proposal was put on hold due to estimated costs of \$62,850.

"This (cleaning) will be about it for this year," Olinski said, referring to the present

upgrading of the lounge.

Some students said the overall effect is an improvement to the lounge's appearance.

"I think they (cushions) look

a lot better," said Mike Almeida, first-year electronics engineering student. "It's cleaner than it was. It's too comfortable and too easy to stay here and not go to classes."

College responds to special-needs students

By Heather Henry

About 44 special needs students have applied or are returning to Conestoga College's Doon campus in September. However, Rick Casey, manager of central student services at Doon campus, said the college is still unsure as to the specific number because not all have been confirmed.

Casey does know that there will be at least two wheelchair students and three with visual impairments. He expects about 22 special needs students to attend the college.

Although the college isn't closing any doors, accommodating special needs students is an issue that must be dealt with. In 1985 the Presidential Advisory Committee (special needs task force) was set up to look at the whole population of special needs students and see what impact they have on college operation.

All colleges in Ontario participate in the task force.

The colleges set up internal sub-committees to report on

the following key areas of college operation: accessibility and space, admissions, equipment, services, education, emergency and safety.

The freight elevator is a problem concerning the physically disabled. The elevator is the only way in which students can get to and from the upper floors of the college.

"At the very least, it's (the elevator) minimally acceptable, but we don't have any other choice," said Casey.

He said it would cost about \$100,000 to install a new elevator and it could be just as costly to modify the existing elevator.

Accommodating students with hidden disabilities is another area where the task force is looking into. Examples of hidden disabilities are, emotional problems, learning disabilities, physiological problems such as epilepsy, and the hearing and visual impaired.

For many students with learning disabilities, "the problem is not taking in information, it's giving it back,"

said Casey. He added that it is more of an expressive problem.

Counsellors advise the students to take part in the buddy system or note-takers.

"Someone will jot down carbon notes or get notes copied. That allows them (the student) to process information without having to worry about copying," said Casey. He said the student usually cannot concentrate on both and "that's what screws them up".

A number of strategies are available for the visually and hearing impaired. The photocopier in the learning resource centre enlarges notes, the test centre is available for those who need more time than others and the test can be put on video tape so the student can read along. For students without sight, the video tape enables them to hear the test.

Peer tutoring has also been lengthened to 20 hours to accommodate students with learning problems.

Casey said there is a problem with education. The college

does not yet have remedial classes like those in the post-secondary school system. He said the college is dealing with students who have had four or five years of remedial education and want to attend college. The problem is that the college system is two steps behind.

Although the college system is improving each year in accomodating special needs students, "we still have a long way to go. It's one of those areas that when you think you've got a handle on it, something else pops up," said Casey.

Not only is Casey impressed

with the accomplishments of special needs students, but also with the college and faculty.

"I've been impressed with the college's response to the special needs students. I guess the impressive part is the fact that it's (the college) not shying away from (the student). It's not 'I don't want to deal with this.' It would be easy to say, 'you can't take a program full-time, hope you make it in the world.' They've been able to take a very progressive stance and say 'we've got to take a look at what we can do to accomodate the special needs student,'" said Casey.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Doon orientation successful, says Nay

By Angelo Mirabelli

This year's orientation week was successful both financially and in the number of students who participated, Doon Student Association activities coordinator Sandy Nay said.

Nay said that the funding for the week was on budget and the turnout was greater than in 1986.

Nay said it was difficult this year to stretch her orientation budget because it was based on activities donations from the community. "This year I asked for more donations that I have done in the past. Instead of serving 350 students, I served 1,000. But I stayed within our budget. Without the corporate support, I could not have done

what I did this year," Nay said. Donations came from corporations such as Molson, Labatt, Canada Packers, Zehrs and Weston Bakeries. Both Weston and Zehrs were contributors last year.

Expenses included \$1,500 for DSA pens distributed to students, \$275 for the Beirdo Brothers concert, \$300 for hamburgers and \$1,200 for beer, according to DSA representatives.

Nay said even though the Sept. 9 orientation was cut short because the band Equus failed to show up, she was impressed with the consumption of beer and hamburgers by the participants. All 380 hamburgers were eaten.

Nay said she did not increase

the number of hamburgers and amount of beer per student from 1986, but there was total increase in consumption due to the larger student body this year.

She stressed that the main emphasis was on activities, not alcohol consumption.

With orientation set a week earlier than previous years, it gave the new and returning students more time to get settled and also have more free time, she said.

"It's a good idea. It's a great strategy to introduce students to college life."

Nay said she would like to congratulate the 30 or more winners in orientation activities and thank students for the large turnout.



Photo by Angelo Mirabelli/Spoke

Double prize-winner Steve Chapman (left) with DSA's Cheryl Adair and Steve Blenkorn

Labatt and Molson to supply beer for Doon pubs

By Cheryl Bryant

Carling O'Keefe beer drinkers may find themselves switching to brands produced by Molson or Labatt breweries, the sole beer suppliers to Conestoga College's Doon campus pubs.

The Sept. 10 Blue Live pub featured Labatt's brand beer, including Blue and Blue Light, in keeping with the night's blue theme, said Sandy Nay, Doon Student Association (DSA) activities coordinator. Labatt's Schooner was also available, Nay said. Labatt Brewing Co. Ltd. is the official sponsor of Conestoga College's annual canoe race, held each spring.

Molson Breweries of Canada Ltd. also supplies its product to DSA events. "Molson's has always had Homegrown Talent Night and they always will," Nay said. Nay said there will usually be four brands of beer offered during the year's regular pubs - approximately 10 this year - a lager and light

beer from both Labatt and Molson, and a few cases of less popular brands, such as Molson's Export.

Nay said when either Molson or Labatt sponsors a pub night, the DSA often purchases that brewery's promotional materials at a discount for the night's prizes. This can enhance sales of a particular brand of beer. Nay said beer company representatives canvass the school, trying to promote a certain brand of beer.

"(Labatt) wanted to promote Schooner last year so we had the Schooner boat contest and the tacky tourist contest. Molson is presently promoting Export so they gave posters that say 'Ex says it all', available at the (orientation) pond party."

Nay said Labatt's sales representative Paul Sandford and Molson's sales representative Ed Kolb don't compete for the opportunity to sell their products at the college.

Prices at this year's pubs will remain at 50 cents for pop,

\$1.75 for beer and \$2 for liquor.

"At Conestoga, we're quite fortunate that both reps are really great guys. They play fair against one another as well as with us (DSA)."

Nay said prices are lower than average bar prices (which can range from \$1.90 for a bottle of beer at bars such as Nicholson's Tavern to \$2.75 a bottle at bars such as Highlands in Cambridge).

Nay said the object of liquor sales is to provide service to the students, not to make profits.

"That \$1.75 usually pays for all the expenses like buying ice, finding pub staff, and repairing any damages that arise in the course of the night. We're not out to make a lot of money."

Nay said special permission is needed from the college director, director of finance and the liquor licence board to set up a bar during the day. The DSA provides a day bar for special events such as the

orientation pond party and the canoe race.

When ordering beer, the pub manager considers sales from previous events. Nay said sales are affected primarily by temperatures inside and outside of the Doon campus cafeteria, where pubs are held, and temperature of the beer. Other factors also influence sales.

Nay said students are more aware of the consequences of drinking, through alcohol awareness programs and drinking and driving advertisements. She said awareness over the past five years has

reduced the number of "drink-until-they-can't-drink-anymore" pubgoers.

A designated driver program is offered at Doon campus pubs. Participants receive a designated driver sticker and free pop refills all night.

Nay said Beaver Foods will sell snack foods at each pub for the first time this year, experimenting with pizza, garlic bread, tortilla chips, potato chips and sandwiches. This could also create an employment opportunity for students interested in selling pub food, Nay said.

CHARTBEAT

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1. La Bamba
2. Doing It All For My Baby
3. Didn't We Almost Have It All
4. Ordinary People
5. Touch of Grey
6. I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For
7. Seven Wonders
8. You're The Voice
9. Who's That Girl
10. Promises
11. Songbird
12. Rain
13. Where The Streets Have No Name
14. Living In A Box
15. Together

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U2
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Joey Gregorash

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3. Radio Waves
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7. Let's Work
8. Where The Streets Have No Name
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10. Darling It Hurts
11. Little Lies
12. How Do You Spell Love
13. Ghost on the Beach
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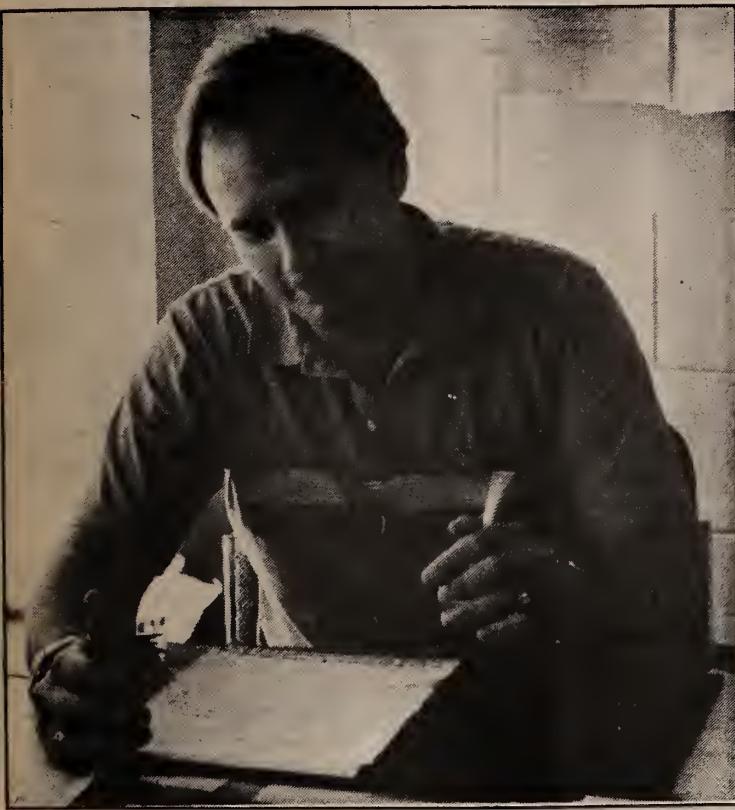


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Phil Olinski, in his fourth year as DSA business manager

Olinski, the man behind DSA

By Cheryl Bryant

Phil Olinski, business manager of the Doon Student Association (DSA), could be thought of as "ship's captain", trying to keep the operations of the student government sailing smoothly.

Olinski graduated from Conestoga's business administration—management studies program in 1983, then was hired as DSA business manager. He said he likes the college atmosphere and dealing with different people, from students to administration.

"It's kind of a constant juggling act," he said.

Olinski, 26, was raised in Kitchener. Presently, he is single (but has a "full-time" girlfriend) and lives at home with his parents.

He was a high school football player, a sports official and was involved with student council. But a majority of his free hours were spent travelling as a member of the provincial board of the Knights

of Columbus youth organization.

"I think it (travelling) took away from my being more actively involved in high school, but given the travelling, the speech opportunities and the direction of the organization, it was definitely a plus," Olinski said.

Olinski is acquiring skills through his position with the DSA. He's noticed improvements in communications, decision-making, budgeting, contract negotiations and human resources.

"Because it is an extremely diverse position, I don't think there are many areas that you wouldn't be developing to a certain extent," he said.

Olinski feels that he and Sandy Nay, DSA activities coordinator, are the prime influences that keep the DSA functioning as a unit, considering that a new executive is elected or appointed each new school year.

Though Olinski spends many hours in the full-time position,

he is still involved in a wide range of activities. He officiates high school football through the fall and spends his winters as a hockey official for the Ontario Hockey Association (OHA), Kitchener Hockey Association (KHA) and the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA). An injury prevents him from participating in contact sports but officiating is "the next best thing."

He's also an avid golfer, cross-country skier, and he enjoys the arts, including concerts and cultural events. Soft rock is his favorite music.

"Billy Joel, Chicago, that type of thing," he said.

He's a fan of movies from the mid to late '70s but also likes modern-day Eddie Murphy films. His future goals include some personal changes.

"For myself, I would endeavor to be more approachable, more open-minded and be a little more flexible. Those would be the big areas for me, personally."

Trouble deciding upon a career? CO/AP can help

By Christine Diesbourg

Conestoga College is offering a career planning program in September, to help students choose careers that are right for them.

The program, Career orientation/action program (Co/AP), has a fee of \$125, which covers the cost of working with a counsellor one-on-one until the student is satisfied.

A counsellor will meet with a student four times, for two to

three hours or however long it takes to make sure the student's needs are met. Counsellors are available at different Conestoga campuses.

The program has been running for approximately five years and its popularity has increased in the last year. Barb Dietrich, of continuing education, said, "We take as many applicants as we can. We've never had to turn anyone away."

Co/AP, which is available to anyone, offers a free informa-

tion session, held the first Monday of each month from September to May. The session provides interested persons with details about the program and an opportunity to decide if the program is appropriate for them.

"After the free session, persons have the option of signing up. We usually don't give refunds for this program because people should know after the session whether or not the program is suitable for them," Dietrich said.

For a period of approximately one month counsellors will work together with students to assess their skills, interests and goals, explore career options, gather information about careers, decide on short-term and long-term plans and plan job searches.

If upgrading is necessary, then counsellors will assist the student in deciding which courses to take. Dietrich said people of all ages take the program, including people that are changing jobs or just trying to find one for the first time. Resumes and interviewing

skills are also taught.

Glen Scherheart, Phil Waller and Colin McKay are the counsellors who will be available for the students. Dietrich said that last year the program only had one counsellor and it was difficult to see all the students before the school year began.

Dietrich said, "The course is a little more expensive than others but that's because of the testing and because of the one-on-one counselling."

For more information on the Co/AP program, please contact your continuing education office.

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Puppets a form of learning for ECE students

By Deborah Crandall

Students in early childhood education (ECE) were treated to a not-so-ordinary puppet show Sept. 14 at the Doon campus.

The puppet program, entitled The Kids of the Block, was presented in co-operation with the Independent Living Centre, an organization developed to assist the needs of physically disabled persons.

Diane Weber, Kids on the Block co-ordinator, told the class of ECE students to imagine that they were in Grade 4 before she introduced a troupe of puppets of various ages, each with a physical disability.

Weber said the Kids on the Block program, which is presented in Kitchener-Waterloo area schools to children in Grades 3 to 6, has been in existence for 10 years.

"It was started by a special education teacher in the U.S. who had a class of specialized kids whom she was told to mainstream because of new education laws," Weber said.

"That was something that was very idealistic and very wonderful for a lot of families

who felt their disabled children should be in the regular school system, but there were a lot of barriers that had to be ironed out."

Weber said one of the major barriers was the attitude of teachers and students who were apprehensive of physically disabled children. She said Kids on the Block was created to teach children about physical disabilities.

The first character to hit the stage was Renaldo Rodriguez. Renaldo, who was blinded as an infant, told the class about his disability, how he gets dressed, how he reads, how he eats and how he gets around with the aid of his white cane.

Puppet Jimmy Randolph has a disability that is not so physically obvious; he is emotionally impaired.

Through conversations between Jimmy and other puppets, the audience learned the best ways to deal with and socialize with emotionally impaired children.

Mark Riley, one of the first puppets created for the Kids on the Block program, has cerebral palsy and uses a wheelchair.

Weber told the class about

the various types of cerebral palsy, the different affects it causes and about Mark's affliction in particular.

Weber said Mark demonstrates to the audience a positive attitude about his disability.

"You can probably tell just by looking at me," said the red-haired puppet, "that I'm Irish."

Mark sailed around the stage, popping wheelies in his wheelchair and joking with the audience.

"School kids have a lot of questions for Mark about his personal life and it's good to have him talk about it positively, but it's really important that we try to keep a serious note involved. This year we are going to have real speakers with physical disabilities follow the puppet show with a question/answer period," Weber said.

The presentation came to a close with puppets and audience singing the Kids on the Block theme song, Kids Are Different.

Weber, a theatre arts graduate from Brock University, said she depends on volunteers to help present the puppet



Photo by Deborah Crandall/Spoke

Puppets (from left) Mark, Renaldo, Melody

show.

"It helps if the volunteers have some interest or some experience in theatre or public speaking," Weber said.

Weber said anyone interested in volunteering three or four hours a week may contact her at the Independent Living Centre, 235 King St. E., Kitchener.

Detweiler centre secretary has time for dual career

By Nellie Blake

A Cambridge alderman of 10 years accepted a secretarial position at the D. B. Detweiler Centre at Conestoga College last July to seek a more challenging job and to widen her job skills.

Mary Love said she always wanted to work at the college because of its educational atmosphere. Her dream was realized when she began working part-time in the continuing education office as a secretary. Finding the job not interesting enough, Love jumped at the chance to work at the centre when the opportunity came in July.

Love assists Heinz Peper, manager of the centre, in the daily operation of the office by typing reports and making and filing records. She joined the staff because the college is close to her Cambridge home, the computer work is challenging and the position offers responsibility.

Love said her top priorities are to execute her job efficiently, gain more knowledge through education and work at a variety of jobs to learn skills for future jobs.

Love has put this philosophy to good practice. Beginning in office jobs directly from high school, Love worked at the YWCA for eight years organizing publicity and planning classes. She was also a volunteer president of the YWCA and later was the secretary of the Lincoln Avenue School in Cambridge.

She was elected to Cambridge city council in 1976. Two years later, she and her husband opened a retail book store which they still operate. After her children were born, Love attended Wilfrid Laurier University on a part-time basis, earning a bachelor of arts degree after 10 years. Through hard work on week nights and

Saturdays, Love achieved one of her many goals, to learn more about her environment.

"I owe a lot to the YWCA," said Love, adding she learned a lot about people, managing an office and doing secretarial work.

To help make her secretarial work at the D. B. Detweiler Centre easier, Love took a computer course at the college and is currently enrolled in a similar course.

Her job as alderman keeps Love busy Monday nights and sometimes one or two other nights a week but she still finds

time to properly raise her children, she said.

Love has been an alderman for five terms, the first terms being two years, and now three years. She is one of three women on the 11-member Cambridge council.

Love said her first duty as a council member is to deal with complaints from the people in her riding. Among other duties, she also helps to set policy and plan the annual budget.

Love is also currently the chairman of a steering committee in charge of building a museum in Cambridge.



Cheryl Bryant/Spoke

Monkeying around

Business instructor Charlie Rolph showed first surprise, then embarrassment when he found himself being serenaded by a gorilla-a-gram for his 65th birthday in the Doon cafeteria

Passports to arrive

By Diane Rabatich

Student activities passports will be available at Conestoga College from program co-ordinators the week of Sept. 28.

Sandy Nay, DSA activities co-ordinator, said the publisher was to deliver the spiral-bound booklets, containing information about activities to be held during the year, by Sept. 25.

"Everyone was co-operative, and the students should have as much fun reading the contents as we had working on it."

Space was allotted for the various college departments, the key players, she said, as the outline for the booklet was developed with the student in mind. She said she enjoyed preparing the booklet for publication.

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17 teachers hired for new school semester

By Nellie Blake

The number of full-time teachers hired at Conestoga's Doon campus dropped slightly this year compared to last year, while the number of sessional teachers has increased, according to college personnel.

Debra Croft, Doon's human resources officer, said 13 full-time teachers and four sessional teachers were hired during the period of May to August, compared to 14 full-time teachers and one sessional teacher for the same period last year.

Croft said sessional teachers are hired for one academic year on a temporary basis.

One full-time teacher was hired for law and security administration (LASA), applied arts, economics, marketing, electronics and general mechanics, and tool and die making.

The accounting program added two full-time faculty members, along with the math and woodworking products program, which requires

teachers because of the new woodworking centre which will be completed in the spring of 1988.

One sessional teacher was also hired in woodworking and one in management studies. One teacher was transferred from the Cambridge campus, pushing the total of new full-time teachers to 13.

Previously, there was a need for new teachers placed in communications programs, but now the need has shifted to woodworking programs and programs offered at the D.B. Detweiler Electronics Skills Centre.

Croft said the annual hiring is largely the result of a growing number of retiring teachers.

Each spring, program coordinators review their staff to calculate if any changes might occur due to retirement or other factors.

The search for qualified staff begins by placing advertisements in area newspapers like the Kitchener-Waterloo Record, the Guelph Mercury, the

Cambridge Reporter and the Stratford Beacon Herald. Croft said advertisements are sometimes placed in Toronto papers if a teacher for a specific field is not commonly found in this area.

Croft said new teachers are screened according to quality of experience, not necessarily the number of years they have taught. An applicant experienced in his or her field is better suited for college teaching than a veteran of teaching. Being able to establish a good relationship with students is also essential, Croft said.

Croft added new faculty members do not necessarily need experience in teaching because Conestoga participates in a program to aid new teachers offered every summer prior to the start of the academic year. This year the program was held at the Aylmer Police College.

Another reason why more teachers are being hired at the college is the recent changes



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Tom Quackenbush (right) teaches students

made in a collective agreement related to reduced workload for faculty members, Croft said. This agreement applies to all colleges in Ontario, she added.

Croft predicted Conestoga

will need more teachers in the next academic year (1988-89) because of the new woodworking centre. She said business and technology programs will also demand more faculty.

DSA seeks reps for board of directors

By Cheryl Bryant

Each September, the Doon Student Association (DSA) requires one student from each program division to become a representative on the board of directors, a body which oversees expenditures and discusses DSA activities and administration.

The DSA has planned a campaign to make students aware of positions on the board of directors. Along with advertisements in Spoke, posters will be displayed throughout the school. During the first and second week of school, DSA president Paul Colussi and vice-president Tony Karais will visit as many classes as possible, informing students about the board.

No date has been set for the first meeting. The meetings should begin "as quickly as we (the DSA) can get organized," Karais said.

Students can become representatives by picking up nomination sheets in the DSA office. Once the nominations are in, students in each program block will vote for their representative. For example, all students in technology, first to third year, will elect one representative. If the DSA receives only one nomination for a program division, that student will automatically become the representative.

Representatives who attend 75 per cent or more of the meetings receive \$5 for each meeting attended.

"It's our way of saying 'thanks for coming out,'" Karais said.

He said participation in the student government is a good

way to get involved in school activities, meet people from other programs and have input into DSA events.

Being a representative is also an advantage for students who would like to become DSA members. Karais said the student is able to see the inside operations of the DSA, meet DSA members and aid in policy and activity planning.

The board wields some financial power over DSA operations. The DSA's initial budget must be approved by the board, along with any expenditures that exceed the budgeted amount. In the administrative area, the directors provide guidance, acting as a sounding board for DSA proposals, said Phil Olinski, DSA business manager.

Karais and Colussi will try to generate interest in the representative positions when they tour classes in September. They plan to outline the advantages of being a representative and give a general impression that "Hey, this is something good to get into," Karais said.

Karais said the reps will meet every three to four weeks. The time of the meetings, usually late afternoon, is planned to suit as many schedules as possible.

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Contrary to popular belief, it's not all fun and games for DSA members. Doon president Paul Colussi (left) and vice-president Tony Karais are shown having fun cleaning the barbecue pit behind the cafeteria following orientation events at Doon campus.

New students have mixed emotions

By Esther Jancsar

First-year students at the Doon campus had various impressions of what college is like in a poll during the first week of classes.

Laura Anthony, a first-year business administration-marketing student, said her first impression of the Doon campus was that it was big and scary, yet at the same time it was interesting.

Anthony said the campus grounds were nicer than she expected. She said the college didn't feel like a high school environment and was more comfortable than high school.

Anthony said she had uneasy feelings about entering college. She said it seemed confusing and would be hard getting into

the swing of things.

Anthony said her goals after college are to operate a business.

"I don't want to be hired. I want to be the hirer and make some money while I'm at it."

George Pertea, a first-year electronic technology student, said he thought the campus offered a friendly atmosphere.

Pertea said he felt like leaving halfway through the orientation because he had mixed feelings about the program, but the information he attained from orientation gave him assurance, and he is pleased with the courses offered in his program.

Les Leonhardt, a first-year mechanical engineering student, said he was nervous about entering college because he hadn't been in school in 10

years. He said he enjoyed being welcomed to the college with a tour around the campus and was put at ease during his orientation when he met his program instructors.

Les Mereg, a first-year electronic technology student, said he was disappointed because he expected more people to be at the college.

"I wasn't nervous about coming to college, because I'm here for a good time," Mereg said.

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New promotional device to inform students

By Shawn Pellar

The quest for fan support at varsity home games has led the athletics department to its latest promotional device — a sports bulletin board in the cafeteria which lists all home games.

"This is the busiest area in the school. There is not a lot in the area, so it may stand out," Barb McCauley, athletics officer, said.



Arpo Kalenderian (left) and Rui DaSilva with sports bulletin board

Retired president honored

By Shawn Pellar

The Conestoga Recreation Centre's name was changed officially Sept. 25 to the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre in recognition of the recently retired Conestoga College president.

"The college looked for some way to give permanent recognition to him. He was very instrumental in the development of the recreation centre," said Bob Neath, manager of the college health and recreation services.

Neath said Hunter was a

kingpin behind the initial fund-raising campaign, the initial presentation to the ministry and seeing the facility built.

"He held the centre in great esteem. The administration of the college felt it would be an excellent way to honor him," Neath said.

Barbara Hartleib, executive assistant to the president, said a committee was established in March to plan Hunter's retirement.

"The committee listed a number of things (to give to Hunter). A painting, a watch, all the customary things you do

when someone retires. We wanted to do something much more distinctive."

Hartleib said when Hunter came to the college in 1974 there was not only no recreation centre, but only one co-ed shower to serve anyone involved in athletics.

Hartleib said Hunter was instrumental in starting fund-raising and actually seeing the centre built.

"With that bit of history, and his involvement in the centre it seemed the appropriate building (to name after Hunter)" Hartleib said.

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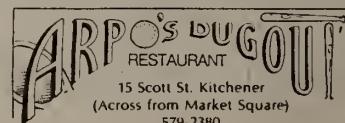


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Varsity soccer goalie Dirk Kerbs has been chosen athlete of the week for the week of Sept. 14. In the Condors' soccer game Sept. 15, Kerbs shut out the Seneca Braves in a scoreless tie.

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